



THE CITY OF
NOVATO
CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 - 7:00PM
922 Machin Ave
Womack Conference Room-2nd Floor

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05pm

Committee Members: Mark Birnbaum, Hank Ryan, Mark Vanderscoff, James McKenzie, Nestor Schnasse, Nancy Wein, Burt Greenspan

B. Approval of Final Agenda

M/S Greenspan/McKenzie-All in Favor 7-0-0 Mark Birnbaum, Hank Ryan, Mark Vanderscoff, James McKenzie, Nestor Schnasse, Nancy Wein, Burt Greenspan

C. Public Comment

(Anyone wishing to speak on non-agenda items will be recognized at this time. These items can legally have no action as they are not on the agenda. There is a three minute time limit).

D. Committee Organizational Items

D-1-Approval of September 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

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E. Committee Reports

F. Staff Reports

F-1 - Safe Pathways to School Sidewalk Gap Closures Arthur Street and Plum Street, CIP No. 16-010 – Completed (NOC - City Council Meeting – November 14, 2017).

F-4 - Vineyard Road Improvements, CIP No. 15-017 – Public Workshop scheduled for November 15, 2017 (Sinaloa Middle School – Gymnasium).

F-5 - Grant Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project, CIP No. 09-003 – Design Development.

G. General Business

(Anyone wishing to speak on agenda items will be recognized after the Committee has concluded their initial discussions. There is a three minute time limit for public comment per item.)

<i>Approximate Time</i>	<i>Item/Attachments</i>	<i>Purpose and Actions</i>
30 minutes	G-1: League of American Bicyclists Discussion whether we actually want to pursue the idea of being recognized as a bicycle friendly city at this time. Requested by Chairman – Burton Greenspan	<i>Committee discussion. Receive recommendation. No action.</i>

<p>There was some discussion if the committee should continue with the process of pursuing the Bicycle Friendly City status. Mark expressed his concerns including the difficulty in getting things built. He feels that perhaps this town is not ready for this award. He feels Novato is not particularly bicycle friendly and would rather see time spent on projects and waiting for completion before pursuing this. It was suggested that the cycling culture is missing in Novato. Or perhaps it is for financial reasons, as we do not get the revenue here in town to support the cyclist infrastructure. Mark would like to see this dropped for now but would like to leave it open for future consideration.</p> <p>One solution may be to determine the gap, versus where they need to be and even consider education and enlisting other for help. They should also consider and look at the strengths in their application and view weaker points that they can work on. SMART may play a role too as it needs more bike cars to facilitate a more bike friendly community. Other things to consider, do we need more outreach as a group so the community knows this committee exists? Reach out to subgroups such as mountain bikers.</p>		
10 minutes	G-2: Installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at Tamalpais / 7th street to Diablo Avenue and Diablo Avenue near Safeway.	<i>Committee discussion. Receive recommendation. No action.</i>
<p>Hank discussed his concerns with the lack of safety at the crosswalk of Diablo and George. It ranked # 1 on the list, but at this time nothing has been done to improve it. Petr said the City have solicited bids to improve 6 crosswalks and intersections in town, including the one at Diablo and George. The bid opening is November 21, and weather permitting, work will start immediately. The improved crosswalk will look like what was done on Ignacio and Novato Blvd. Installation of rapid flashing beacons on both sides and the middle as well as upgrade to the median passage. Advanced signing, shark teeth stop bar and signs - Yield to Pedestrians here. This will allow Police enforcement. Petr has the plans if the committee would like to see. Other locations for improvements include Delong/Sherman, Novato Blvd/McClay, Topaz/Andale and Redwood/Rush Creek Place. Hank would also like to see a sidewalk from 7th St. to Diablo and feels we should make it a priority as it can be done before the proposed street widening. Petr reminded the committee to send any requests in writing to the pw@novato.org mailbox for documentation a response.</p>		
5 minutes	G-3: Election of Chair & Vice Chair	<i>Committee discussion. Action.</i>
<p>Burt nominated Nancy as Chair, seconded by Nestor - All in Favor 7-0-0 Mark Birnbaum, Hank Ryan, Mark Vanderscoff, James McKenzie, Nestor Schnasse, Nancy Wein, Burt Greenspan</p> <p>Nestor nominated Hank as Vice Chair, seconded by James - All in Favor 7-0-0 Mark Birnbaum, Hank Ryan, Mark Vanderscoff, James McKenzie, Nestor Schnasse, Nancy Wein, Burt Greenspan</p>		
5 minutes	G-4: Confirm next meeting date and approval of next year Calendar. (Wednesday January 10, 2018).	<i>Receive recommendation. Action.</i>
<p>Next meeting date of January 10, 2018 was confirmed; Burt proposed to approve the calendar as it exists for next year, seconded by Mark - All in Favor 7-0-0 Mark Birnbaum, Hank Ryan, Mark Vanderscoff, James McKenzie, Nestor Schnasse, Nancy Wein, Burt Greenspan</p>		

H. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.